



**Deborah K. Bowman**

**City:** Pierre

**Term Ends:** 10/30/2016

**Work Address:**

**Professional Background:** Until her retirement in April 2014, Deb Bowman served in key leadership positions in South Dakota state government for 22 years under 5 different governors. Prior to joining state government Deb served for 14 years as the CEO of ECCO, Inc., a private non-profit organization serving individuals with developmental disabilities. She was also employed as a manager of government affairs for US West and started her career as a middle school English teacher. Throughout her career Bowman has received numerous awards and recognitions for her passionate leadership for some of society's most vulnerable citizens including individuals with disabilities, the elderly, children, and low-income families. In addition to being an advocate for South Dakota's most vulnerable citizens, Deb is also a passionate advocate for organ donation. She received a kidney transplant in 2000; her youngest daughter was her donor.